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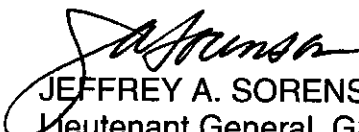### WASHINGTON DC 20310

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SUBJECT: Common Operating Environment Architecture Guidance

1. References:

    a. Memorandum, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army (VCSA), subject: Achieving Army Network and Battle Command Modernization Objectives, dated 28 December 2009

    b. Document, CIO/G-6, titled: Common Operating Environment Architecture, (Appendix C to Guidance for 'End State' Army Enterprise Network Architecture), dated 1 October 2010

2. The CIO/G-6, in close coordination with ASA(ALT) Systems of Systems Engineering (SOSE), has developed the Common Operating Environment (COE) Architecture concept, framework and standards for the Army Enterprise Network. In addition, in order to inform Program Objective Memorandum 13-17 investment decisions, ASA(ALT) will publish a complementary Implementation Plan that describes the steps and schedule for bringing Army systems into compliance with the COE Architecture guidance. Henceforth, compliance with the COE Architecture and Implementation Plan will be mandatory for all programs under the purview of the Army Acquisition Executive.

3. The CIO/G-6 and ASA(ALT) are committed to enabling the Army to produce high-quality applications rapidly while reducing the complexities embedded in the design, development, testing and deployment cycle. The COE Architecture and Implementation Plan will provide direction to our industry partners regarding our framework standards. Both documents are considered to be living instruments and will continue to evolve in a coordinated manner in order to keep up with the rapid changes in technology.

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